

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claim 49 as follows:

49. A pond cover, comprising:

A) a plurality of panel units connected together in a vertical spaced relationship at their ends;

B) a plurality of grommets disposed at the connected ends;

C) a cable disposed through the grommets and formed into a loop projecting above the panel units; and

D) a cable disposed through the row of loops.

REMARKS

This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action issued July 30, 2002. Claims 1-12, 14-16 and 18-48 were pending in the application. All claims were rejected. With this response, new claim 49 has been added. Applicant believes that application is in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests notice to that effect.

New claim 49 is based upon the statement of reasons for allowance of the underlying patent as rewritten on page 5 of the present Examiner's responsive memorandum in the appeal. Inconsequential words were removed from paragraphs C